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RIVER PLATE ITEMS.

—In Paraguay Sr. Canete, minister of finance, has been chosen as a candidate for the presidency.

—A Montevideo telegram of the 29th announces the death of the *impresario* Ferrari. His death was sudden and unexpected, from which it may be surmised that he had arranged no subvention for his appearance on another stage.

—The people of Paraguay—figuratively speaking—are now preparing to choose a president. By and by the strongest man will choose himself, and then the people will applaud. Such a government is a hollow mockery, a political abomination infinitely repugnant to morality and reason.

—The Concordia correspondent of the *Review of the River Plate* writes under date of December 7th:—"The international bridge over the Cuareim river, which forms the frontier between the Banda Oriental and the Brazilian state of Rio Grande, is again at a standstill and it is given out that the English shareholders are alarmed at the renewal of disturbances in Montevideo."

—It would seem as if the farmers had hard times enough without being persecuted and robbed by the tax-collector. In Santa Fé and Entre Rios harvesting-machines are heavily taxed, some \$300 and \$400 a year. Can any one imagine a more cruel and stupid policy than this, when it is for the interest of every one that grain-growing should be encouraged and increased? It is the work of provincial rings, which rob the people and trample on every law of decency and morals. If a San Francisco vigilance committee could deal with a few of these rings of robbers, it would clear the atmosphere, and it is a pity that we cannot borrow one for the occasion.—*Buenos Aires Herald.*

—After several months of endeavor to compound with their creditors, Messrs. J. B. Sibur and Son have been declared bankrupt on their own petition, as from 16th October last, the liabilities being put down at about £250,000 while the chief asset of the land and buildings had passed from their possession some years ago under an expired sale contract with clause of repurchase which the bankrupts were unable to avail of. This disastrous collapse has caused considerable loss to a number of families whose heads had been for over fifteen years in the firm's employment and banked with them the bulk of their earnings. The town full is attributed to losses on consignments of jerked beef to Brazil during a succession of unfavorable seasons.—*Concordia correspondence of Review, Buenos Aires, Dec. 11.*

—People in this city pay not less than four to five times as much for fruit as it costs those who sell it. There is a small ring which controls this business and maintains extortionate prices. This is a public evil, for nothing conduces more to public health in the summer months than an abundance of sound, ripe fruit, and there is enough grown to furnish an abundance; but it is sometimes the case that this ring, rather than let the people have fruit cheap, allow it to rot on the ground. This is likely to be the case during the present season. Peaches are beginning to ripen and find their way to this market from the islands of the Tigre, where the fruit-farmer gets not more than 25 to 30 a basket, while here they sell for many times that price; and moreover, two baskets as sold by the grower make three as sold by the fruit ring. There should be a fruit market in this city to which growers could consign their fruit for sale, getting the current price less commission. This would result in cheaper fruit for the people and better prices for the grower.—*Buenos Aires Herald.*

—A good deal of mystery hangs over the death, on his way to the exploration of the Pilcomayo, of Ramon Lista, the Argentine geographer. The news first telegraphed to us from the remotest province of Salta, was to the effect that he died of thirst, his secretary and his guide had managed to pull through by a miracle. Then the news was that Lista had committed suicide, overcome by the tortures of thirst, which his companions were able to resist. Lastly, we learn that the two survivors have been brought in from Oran to Salta, until it shall be clear that there has been no foul play. What appears certain is that Lista met his death by shooting; how, is not yet known. It is certainly on the face of it strange that he should have been so much more overcome by his sufferings than the others; and the cases of explorers shooting themselves are not numerous. Explorers are not neurotic as a class; the most ill fated of them have struggled on, fighting their tortures in this way, until complete exhaustion and death itself came to their relief. But of course, the present may be an exceptional case.—*Review, Buenos Aires.*

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THE RAINFALL.

The French scientist, M. Camille Flammarion, announces as the result of an investigation of the weather reports of Paris for the last two hundred years that the rainfall in northern and central France has increased, since 1720, from 49.1 millimeters to 557.4 millimeters, or about 22 inches. On the other hand, the rainfall in the United States, although still much greater than that of Europe, is steadily decreasing from decade to decade. There is a reason for this difference, of course, and it is not unreasonable to account for it, partially at least, by the fact that whereas we in this country have been pursuing the most extravagant and destructive policy as to our forests, France has been doing just the opposite thing. The rainfall, no doubt, depends largely upon the forests. Ours have not been spared at any point where their destruction could be even temporarily profitable. Already the effect of this prodigality has been felt, and our rainfall, besides decreasing, has been growing more capricious and unreliable. The circumstance affords one more reason why the movement for a system of forestry should be encouraged and pushed on to achievement. The popular notion that the rainfall everywhere was decreasing, and that the United States surely shared in a common fate, seems to be a delusion. The example of France goes to show that the remedy lies in our own hands to a certain extent. We should be prepared to profit by it.—[St. Paul Pioneer-Press.]

From the Financial News, Dec. 7.

THE BRAZILIAN CENTRAL RAILWAY.

A correspondent writes:—It is announced in a Reuter's telegram from Rio de Janeiro that the chamber has refused the government scheme for the lease of the Central railway to foreign capitalists. This is taken to mean that another attempt will be made to carry this transaction through at an early date.

If the railway were to be leased and held by one or other of the groups which have entered the negotiations for it, as their own investment, it would be safe to leave them and the government is dead with the matter. It is not certain that the public—probably the British public—will ultimately be asked to subscribe for shares of bonds of the line in relief of the syndicate, and it is just as well that they should understand this early in the day what the Central railway of Brazil is. For years it has been a hotbed of Brazilian nepotism. There is hardly a politician in the country who has not had a place and a salary for his nepotism from time to time among the employees of the Central railway. The consequence is that the line, once a magnificent asset of the country, is now a mere wreck of its former self.

It must be remembered, too, that the lessees of the line will have to work under all the troublesome restrictions which harass foreign companies trading in Brazil, and will, like them, be made a mark for the bitterest hostility and the most antagonistic legislation. There will be no whisper of this (except in the *Financial News*) until the transaction is closed; and then, having got its money, the Brazilian government will probably turn upon the foreigner and do its utmost to injure the property, so as to make it worthless to the lessees. If this seems an extreme statement of the case, it is only necessary to remind investors in Brazilian enterprises of the numerous instances which can be recalled of similar methods adopted in the past.

All this is apart from the very important consideration that this line has for years been represented as one of the most substantial assets of Brazil whenever that country has been in the markets as a borrower of money. It is perfectly true that the Central railway has never been specifically pledged; but it has always been understood to form part of the national security behind the national lines. It is now to be removed therefrom, and separately pledged, in order to enable Brazil, for another year, perhaps, to avoid the inevitable financial collapse.

Once again let it be said that as long as the groups which propose to lease the Central railway will keep it in their own hands, as their own investment and undertaking, well and good; but as that is not their intention the public may just as well know the facts now, so that some millions of British money may be kept from being swallowed up where so many millions have gone before.

To the Editor of the Financial News:

SIR.—A Correspondent, in your issue of to-day's date, takes an unjust and much too one-sided view of Brazilian credit. Brazil, with all her faults of reckless borrowing and extravagance, unlike a sister republic whose credit is highly esteemed, has always punctually met the full coupons of her foreign debt, and has faithfully fulfilled her obligations in the matter of her guaranteed railways, not only paying the guarantees under circumstances most unfavorable to herself, but also granting the railways permission to raise their rates in accordance with the decline in the

value of the exchange. The latter fact speaks for itself, and hardly corresponds with "harassing" the foreign investor. A country possessing the immense natural resources and area of Brazil does not default in day, and there are signs recently of earnest endeavors on the part of the government to proceed in a wiser manner with the administration of her finances. If a Correspondent has the interests of British capitalists so much at heart, why does he (whom one may assume to be the author of at least some of the numerous contributions appearing recently in your esteemed columns) add fuel to the flames? For it would appear to ordinary people that the leasing of the Central railway would remove one of the troubles upon which he lays so much stress—viz., that the Central railway is a "hotbed of nepotism"—as, under British or European control, the excessive number of employees could be reduced, and the line brought to a state of efficiency and converted into a paying concern. This would not only benefit the government, which cannot possess such a valuable asset when it is managed as at present, but also the British investor, about whose welfare "A Correspondent" is so interested.

I am, sir, yours faithfully,

December 7.

AN ENGLISHMAN.

From the Financial News, December 6th.

THE NEW LEOPOLDINA COMPANY.

The final arrangements have now been made in connection with the settlement of the Leopoldina Railway Company on its new basis. The former Brazilian concern will be acquired by a new English company called the Leopoldina Railway Company, Limited, which, with a capital of £5,000,000, will acquire the Leopoldina railway, the Macaé and Campos, the Rio de Janeiro and Northern, Grão Pará division, with their concessions, rights, and privileges, in exchange for the share capital of the company credited as fully paid.

The directors of the new company will be Mr. R. H. Benson, Mr. H. Hodgson, Mr. E. Herdman of the London and River Plate Bank, who has taken a very prominent part in the negotiations now concluded, and Mr. J. H. Wicks. The company takes over certain liabilities which are to be satisfied by the allotment to the Banco da Republica of Brazil of £7,000,000 of four per cent. debenture stock. To provide a further £250,000 in cash the directors have authorized Messrs. Greenwood and Co. to place £250,000 of four per cent. debenture stock at the price of 80 per cent.

It will be stated by the directors of the new company, in making the announcement of the completion of the scheme, that the gross receipts of the line for 1896 taken at 8d. per mile were £615,000. They are of opinion that a thorough reorganization of the line is imperatively necessary, and that by this means the gross receipts might be increased by 50 per cent.

We give the whole of these details as they are now for the first time embodied in a settled form and ready for issue to those interested. It may not be amiss, however, for us to point out that some of the leading facts of the settlement were stated by us as far back as March 2nd of this year, and that on April 9 we printed intelligence with reference to the settlement of affairs, which we shall reproduce verbatim, allowing it to speak for itself as a forecast of the arrangements which have now been realised:—

We said on April 9, "the scheme for the reconstruction of the line contemplates the registration of a new English company (the line being at present owned by a Brazilian company), with a capital of no less than £5,000,000, all in ordinary shares. This capital will be distributed to the English bondholders in proportion to their holdings, and to the various classes of bonds they hold. Some, under the proposed scheme, would receive 60 per cent. of the nominal value of their present stock in the company, and others various proportions up to par. The line requires the spending of a considerable amount of money in order to put it into a proper state for working to best advantage, and there are numerous connections now lacking which are regarded as absolutely necessary for the completeness of the system; but the committee is confident, having regard to the improved prospects of the company under the reconstruction, this money will be raised without the slightest difficulty by debenture issues or other means. The vital part of the scheme is the fact that it provides for the management of the company by English agents, in English ways, under English control. The Brazilian interest in the concern will be practically eliminated, and the money which may be placed in it at any future time will remain absolutely under English management instead of passing into Brazilian hands. Exactly what the required outlay upon the new construction works may be, is, of course, impossible at the present time to say; nor is it possible to do more than roughly sketch, as we have done above, the policy which is to be pursued by the English committee, assuming that it obtain the ratification of its proposals by the bondholders. But it is at least satisfactory to see that this concern, which has for so long a time been a source of dissatisfaction to its English bondholders, is at length to be brought into something like order, placed under competent control, and assured of such management and such opportunities as shall, at all events, be in some proportion to the undoubted possibilities of development which it possesses."

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RIO DE JANEIRO, JANUARY 4th, 1898.

We are compelled to beg the indulgence of our local subscribers and advertisers in the matter of certain accounts which have been collected and retained by a former employé of our office. As no entry of these payments were made in our books, and as the counterfoils in the receipt books were left blank, we have no record whatever of the payments. We can not avoid, therefore, the presentation of accounts a second time. We regret to say, likewise, that the aggregate of these losses is so large that it will prevent our resuming the publication of twelve pages for the present. We had hoped to make this improvement and some others at the beginning of the year, but the continued depreciation of our local subscription rate, together with this unforeseen loss, compels us to postpone action until some future time.

We are not accustomed to talk about ourselves, nor to trouble our readers with personal complaints. We have now been connected with this paper nearly nineteen years, and during that time we have done our work according to the best of our ability and means. We have never sought nor received one cent of subsidy, nor have we ever solicited the special patronage and support of one single commercial or financial house. We have considered it our duty to publish and discuss the news impartially and from a commercial point of view. Where the interests of commerce and of politics or the administration have come into collision, we have taken the part of the former, as it was our duty to do. It has never entered our calculations that we should make friends or enemies by pursuing a certain course; in fact, the personal element has had very little to do with our work. As we have not courted favor, so we have not sought to injure. In a country where the personal element in journalism is so prominent and aggressive, this impersonality has not always been understood, and we have not infrequently been blamed for imaginary hostility where none has ever existed. We are conscious, however, that we have been favored during these years with many words of appreciation and with much cordial support. And we have no fear of losing that appreciation and support. But it must be said that the years are flitting by with winged feet, and the burdens imposed by political maladministration are not swelling our humble income. While

—Gen. Carlos Eugenio has published a telegram from his brother, Gen. Arthur O'Neil, who persists in asserting that the fanaticism of Bahia were aided by monarchists. It seems to be a mania with him.

—The vicar general advises the public that a certain individual calling himself a Greek priest, is a fraud. He is using the title and dress of a priest to impose on the public.

—We were favored with another heavy rain-storm on the 30th ult. These heavy rains, though causing some inconvenience for the moment, are of incalculable value in preserving the healthfulness of the city.

—There were elections in the state of Sergipe on the 30th ult. in which the republicans are reported to have gained a victory. At some places, it is said the policemen voted in the names of imaginary voters.

—The evidence recently taken in regard to the murder of Col. Gentil de Castro confirms the impression that the police authorities were informed of what was going on and failed to take any serious steps to prevent it.

—The best way to avoid the inconvenience and vexation of waiting for letters at the *poste restante*, is to have them addressed to your house or place of business. Every one should at once instruct his friends to this effect.

—Some time since the municipal council adopted a resolution in favor of the use of metallic coffins in all burials. The prefect, who does not see the need of such an enactment, has vetoed the resolution. It was a fine job in its way, but it won't go just yet.

—In view of the order which prohibits the use of post-office boxes for persons other than those renting them, all letters sent to our care should either be enclosed in an envelope addressed to us, or should be addressed to our care at No. 79, Rua Sete de Setembro.

—The medical men of S. Paulo are proposing to invite Dr. Sanarelli to come to that state to continue his studies on yellow fever. It would be well for Sanarelli to go where yellow fever really exists and then show us the practical value of his reputed discovery.

—On account of the illness of one of the prisoners, who was unable to go to Meyer, the court that is taking evidence in regard to the murder of Col. Gentil de Castro began on Thursday to hold its sittings in a room prepared for the purpose in the casa de detenção.

—The fulminates used in certain festive packets of gravel, have been on a strike lately. There was an explosion in Rua da Misericórdia week before last in which four persons were injured, and another last week in Campo Sant'Anna in which a poor woman was wounded.

—A Pará telegram of the 29th intimates that Deputy Serzedello met with a very cool reception there, in spite of the efforts of his friends, and calls attention to the contrast between this reception and the one given him on the occasion of his last visit to Pará. The illustrious deputy is learning how fickle a thing is public favor.

—The commission appointed to investigate Dr. Domingos Freire's reputed discovery of the yellow fever microbe, has presented a report in which the «micrococcus xanthogenicus» introduced by the said doctor is described and classified, and its effect when injected into guinea pigs, rabbits and dogs is said to produce symptoms similar to those of yellow fever—*nada mais*.

—The minister of war has advised the district commanders that the new budget law makes no provision for the payment of retired and honorary officers occupying posts in different government bureaus, therefore they are to consider themselves dismissed after January 1st and their places are to be filled by officers of the active list. This will probably effect an economy in expenditure.

—Evaristo Massi, accused of being one of the burglars that gagged and robbed Mme. Wusburger, was arrested on Thursday. This man is said to be noted for his audacity and to have acquired considerable notoriety in this city and S. Paulo. He is reported to spend money freely, to live well and to render himself conspicuous by the lavish display of jewelry with which he decks himself.

—In view of the barbarous treatment received by political prisoners under the government of Marshal Floriano Peixoto, the public is naturally anxious to learn how they are faring now. It is gratifying to record that Senator Pinheiro Machado, according to a telegram said to have been forwarded by his brother, Dr. Angelo Pinheiro, to Julio de Castilhos, is well treated in prison.

—At about half past nine on the morning of the 2nd inst., a fire was discovered in the photographic studio of Sr. H. L. Romer, No. 33, Largo do Rocio, second floor. The alarm was given, and the fire brigade promptly responded. The studio was completely destroyed, and the photographer's residence on the first floor, and a pharmacy on the ground floor were injured by water. The insurance on the studio was for 25,000\$ in the London and Liverpool.

—Some of the students in this city seem to think that it is time for them to again attract the attention of the public. On Thursday they defaced the bas-relief figures on the pedestal of the statue of José de Alencar, which they climbed and from which they delivered silly speeches. On the same day the *Diário Oficial* published the report of Police Delegate Ferreira Campello, who says that he was obliged to order the arrest of several students for hissing people and pelting them with various kinds of missiles, for attacking trams and cars and for insulting ladies. The *brava mocidade* evidently has been having a little too much Christmas in its bones.

—We were under the impression that the parties accused of assassinating Col. Gentil de Castro were all anxious for an opportunity to prove their innocence. The evidence has so disturbed them, however, that some of them are unable to attend the trial in the 12th *procuradoria*, and the last sessions of the court were held at the detenção.

—In the accounts published of administrative reorganization, it is frequently stated that the general and municipal governments have dispensed with the services of a certain number of employees. Before congratulating the country we shall wait and see what this means. If the employees continue to draw salaries, very little is gained by dispensing with their services. Whenever we ascertain that the country is really relieved of a single burden, the warmth of our congratulations will amply compensate for any delay that may be occasioned by our present natural hesitancy in tendering them.

—There was a destructive fire at No. 40 Rua Gonçalves Dias on the early morning of the 2nd inst. The fire broke out about 1 p.m. and completely destroyed the coffee-grinding and chocolate establishment, called the «Moinho de Ouro», and the Gontez photograph establishment and dentist's rooms of J. Borges on the upper floors. The two adjoining buildings, 38 and 42, were considerably damaged. The Moinho de Ouro was insured for 250,000\$, of which 150,000\$ in the Aliança and 100,000\$ in the Phoenix. The photograph studio was insured for 70,000\$, of which 40,000\$ in the Manchester and 30,000\$ in the Geral. The dental rooms were insured for 50,000\$ in the Vargistas. The building belongs to Banker Mayrink and is said to be fully insured.

—It is a well known fact that the postoffice is unable to perform the plain and simple service of properly delivering postal matter to its address. Letters, journals and other articles are constantly getting into the wrong boxes to the great inconvenience and annoyance of the public. And yet in the face of this fact the post-office, without any one asking it to do so, now recklessly undertakes the still more difficult task of deciding whether mail matter is properly addressed and of excluding from boxes such as does not bear the names of the box-holders, even when addressed to those boxes. What benefit it hopes to derive from this wanton interference in box-holders' affairs we really cannot conjecture. Why can not officials understand that it is their duty to serve and not to annoy the public?

—The war department has issued orders for the reorganization of the 6th (Rio Grande) military district. In virtue of these orders the headquarters of the district will be transferred from Porto Alegre to the city of Rio Grande do Sul, at which will be stationed a regiment of cavalry, a battalion of infantry and a battalion of siege artillery. At Santa Victoria do Palmar will be stationed one regiment of infantry at Jaguariú one regiment of cavalry and one battalion of infantry; at Bagé one regiment of field artillery, one regiment of cavalry and two battalions of infantry; at D. Pedroito one regiment of cavalry; at Livramento one regiment of cavalry and one battalion of infantry; at Quararú one regiment of cavalry; at Alegrete one battalion of infantry; at Uruguaiana one regiment of cavalry and one battalion of infantry; at S. Borja, one battalion of infantry and one regiment of cavalry; at S. Gabriel, one regiment of field artillery, one regiment of cavalry, one battalion of infantry and one transportation corps; at Porto Alegre two battalions of infantry. Not only the commander of the district, but also the post commanders will be appointed by the war department.

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Rio de Janeiro, 31st December, 1897.

To the Editor:

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A DESTRUCTIVE EXPLOSION.

A most destructive explosion occurred in the boiler-room of the Botanical Garden tramway company's electric power house at 9:15 p.m. on the 31st ult., a large Babcock & Wilcox water tubular boiler exploding, killing the engine driver and fireman, and badly wrecking the building. The explosion is said to have occurred in the condensing apparatus, as the boiler itself is so made as to render explosion impossible. The boiler was thrown over, end for end, and the cap was thrown some distance. The building was badly shattered, and the engines and electrical machinery were greatly damaged. Of course, the machinery was stopped at once, and will require extensive repairs before service on the electric lines can be resumed.

The cause of the explosion has not yet been made public, the inquiry still being in the hands of the police and insurance companies. The chief of the engine room had only just been discharged, and it is said that he had

condemned the boiler. This is untrue, however, as he had approved the engines and boilers only three weeks previously in a written report to the directors. The unfortunate driver was an old employé and was considered a trustworthy man. The manager, Mr. Robinson, who himself had a miraculously narrow escape, says that the men in charge were all right and were at their posts. The discharged chief had left the boiler room only half an hour before the explosion, and has been held for investigation.

The company has been able to continue supplying electric power through the friendly offices of the Santa Theresia company, but will not be able to resume traffic for some time. We are advised that when the police embargo is removed, the machinery can be put in order for a partial resumption of traffic in about a week, which is much less time than most engineers think possible. This of course depends on the permission of the authorities, who may consider the power house too unsafe.

BUSINESS NOTES

—The regulations governing the new taxes on salt and friction matches were signed on the 29th ult.

—At S. José do Rio Pardo, S. Paulo, an electric plant has been established for lighting the town.

—The well-known banking firm of Morton, Rose & Co. has been changed to that of Morton, Chaplin & Co.

—The custom-house analytical laboratory at Bahia has recently condemned two brands of butter produced in Santa Catharina.

—The Companhia Prosperidade Industrial Fluminense is offering for sale its button factory on Rua Mello e Souza in S. Christovão.

—A new schedule of fees has been adopted for the analysis required by Decree No. 1,257, of Feb. 3, 1893. These fees vary from 35 to 160\$.

—The *Journal do Commercio* calls attention to the circumstance that by the new stamp regulations, no document should be stamped with less than 300 reis.

—It is worthy of note that an increase in the tax on imported mineral waters was secured by a deputy who is interested in some of the mineral springs of Minas Geraes.

—It is stated that in 1896 the number of beaves imported at Rio de Janeiro from the River Plate was 70,450. In 1897 there were imported up to Oct. 31 only 8,009.

—A telegram of the 30th ult. from Porto Alegre reports the organization of a German syndicate with a capital of 3,500,000\$ for establishing a model brewery in the state of Rio Grande do Sul.

—It is not yet decided whether or not the Banco Nacional will enter into liquidation, since at neither of the meetings called for last Monday and Wednesday was there a sufficient number of shareholders to form a quorum.

—The new match tax provides that every box containing up to 50 wooden matches shall pay 20 reis, and that 20 reis more shall be charged on each 50 additional, or fraction of that number. On other kinds of matches the tax is 30 reis per 60 matches or fraction of 60.

—We take pleasure in noting that the important coffee exporting house of Naumann Gepp & Co., of London and Santos, has opened a branch in this city under the direction of Mr. J. W. B. Purchas, formerly of J. Bradshaw & Co. Mr. Purchas' private business has gone into liquidation.

—The minister of industry has ordered that the postage of newspapers and periodicals, whether for the interior or for countries of the international postal union, shall remain as before. It was our impression that the legislative act expressly excepted newspapers from the increase in rates, but there seemed to be other views in official circles and it took an order from the minister to settle the matter.

—The directors of the S. João del Rey Mining Co. report that the gold extracted during the six months ending 31st August last was valued at 50,591\$. The working expenses were 52,054\$, the state and federal taxes, insurance, etc., 5,662, losses on exchange 2,000, London expenses 1,548, and debenture interest 10,284. From the balance the directors recommended a dividend of 6 per cent, and that 8,235 be carried forward to new account.

—Notices were posted at the postoffice toward the end of last week that after the 1st inst. no mail matter will be placed in the boxes except what is addressed to the persons or firms wanting them. This will exclude the letters and papers addressed to employes of said persons or firms, their friends, travellers, etc. As box rents have also been raised, it is needless to add that the *post restante* will soon have more than the street address put on their letters.

—We take pleasure in calling attention to Mr. S. T. Longstreth's new advertisement of rubber stamp novelties. The latest invention in this line is an «air cushion», composed of a spongy mass of rubber between the stamp and its handle. This gives an elastic cushion which deadens the shock of striking the stamp on the table, gives a better impression and prevents wear and tear. The stamps wear much longer, and are therefore much more economical. Mr. Longstreth is also showing other novelties in the shape of new «daters» and a very handy «time delivery stamp» which is well worth inspection.

—Decree No. 2,769, of the 28th ult., regulates the collection of 5 per cent. tax on the premium of policies issued by foreign insurance companies. The companies must respect within eight days after issuing the respective policies and their renewals. This measure, in our opinion, will be harmful to the country as well as to the companies.

—«For the sum of 3,600,000,000 said the *Journal do Commercio* on the 27th ult., «the government, through the Banco da Republica, has purchased the steamers *Jupiter*, *Mercurio* and *Marle* of the Companhia Grigoriosa Parahyba Brasileira.» «It is not true» said the *Journal do Commercio* on the 31st ult., «that the government intends buying any steamers of the Companhia Grigoriosa or of anyone whatever, as a morning contemporary persists in asserting.» *Ca va sans dire*. Of course the government on the 31st could not merely contemplate purchasing steamers that it had already bought, according to the *Journal do Commercio* before the 27th.

—The directors of the London and River Plate Bank in their last report, state that the net profits, after making ample allowance for doubtful debts, and deducting 49,135 rebate of interest on bills not due, and 235,880, including 25,493 brought forward from last year. The directors recommend a dividend of 13 per cent., payable 17th December making, with the interim dividend paid in June last, a distribution of 20 per cent. for the year on the paid-up capital of the bank, free of income-tax, 5,000 being transferred to the pension and benevolent fund, leaving 50,880 to be carried forward. With reference to the depreciation in the Argentine paper currency, all liabilities payable in gold are represented by assets payable in gold. For the Brazilian currency capital depreciation due provision has been made.

—The Donna Theresia Christina railway still struggles on, the one gleam of hope in the report for the year ended June 30 being that the loss on working in London and Brazil is 2,302 less than in the previous year—£ 6,666 compared with £ 11,563. There has been a slight increase in the receipts, and a slight diminution in the expenses. After debiting the government guarantee with the loss on working, &c., there is a balance, including £ 14,174 brought forward, of £ 22,585, out of which it is proposed to pay a dividend on the preferred shares for the second half of the year at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, or 88 per share, tax free, making, with the interim dividend, 3 per cent. for the year (the same as in 1896), £ 16,406 being carried forward. As the preferred shares are entitled to a cumulative dividend of 7 per cent., there is a further £ 12,358 to be added to the £ 208,688 of arrears already owing on these shares. — *Financial News*, Dec. 6.

POSTAL CHARGES.

The confusion relative to the new postal charges has been solved by the minister of industry, who has ordered that the new internal rates shall be:

Letters, 200 rs. per 15 grammes.
Letter cards, . . . 50 « single; 80 rs. double.

Manuscripts, samples and parcels: 150 rs. per 50 grammes; newspapers and registered matter retain old rates.

Letters with declared value: besides ordinary postage and registry will pay 300 reis for enclosed value up to 10\$, and 150 reis for each additional 5\$ or fraction of 5\$.

Parcels with declared value: will pay, in addition to postage and registry, 300 reis up to 10\$ value, and 250 rs. for each additional 5\$, or fraction of 5\$.

Postal money orders: will pay, besides postage and registry:

400 reis for orders up to 25\$
700 « « « « 50\$
1\$200 « « « « 100\$
1\$750 « « « « 150\$
2\$250 « « « « 200\$
500 « for each additional 100\$ above 200\$.

Postal cheques: a premium of

200 rs. on cheques up to 5\$
300 « « « « 10\$
400 « « « « 20\$

Post-office boxes: per half year

25\$ in the federal capital
20\$ « 1st class agencies
16\$ « sub-administrations
10\$ all others.

In addition to these the post-office is exacting 300 reis for foreign letters, which was authorized neither by the budget nor by the minister.

FINANCIAL NOTES

—The Santos *recebedoria* receipts in December were 4,162,468\$383, while the custom-house receipts were 3,585,788\$111.

—A telegram says that the state government of Rio Grande do Sul can have what money it needs in Germany. Possibly this may be part of the new foreign policy of the German emperor.

—The receipts of the revenue office of the state of Minas Geraes in this city amounted last year to 12,784,128\$25, of which 12,716,607\$214 was derived from the export duty on 129,499,923 kilos of coffee.

—It is stated that the new governor of the state of Rio de Janeiro on taking office on the 31st ult. found in the treasury a balance of 2,611,048\$941. Let us hope that he will not be seized with a morbid desire to get rid of it.

Ernesta Swansea

<i>Ima</i>	Wishy	12 Oct
<i>Isle of Erin</i>	Hamburg	7 Nov
<i>Jaguar</i>	Oporto	18 Nov
<i>Julius</i>	Oporto	—
<i>Julius</i>	Brutus	—
<i>King David (str)</i>	Cardiff	—
<i>Leavitt</i>	Rangeon	5 Sept
<i>Leavitt</i>	at Plymouth	—
<i>Macdon</i>	Sabine Pass	27 Aug
<i>Mary</i>	Glasgow	1 Oct
<i>Margaret Mitchell</i>	Savannah	18 Nov
<i>Mary Glen</i>	Bangkok	18 Sept
<i>Monrovia</i>	Pensacola	—
<i>Mary</i>	Rangeon	20 Sept
<i>Mabel</i>	Brutus	—
<i>New City</i>	Cardiff	—
<i>Normandy</i>	Portland	—
<i>Prince Amado</i>	Cardiff	9 Nov
<i>Prince Louis</i>	Leith	1 Oct
<i>Prince Victor</i>	Hamburg	14 Oct
<i>Princess</i>	Cardiff	4 Dec
<i>Portland (str)</i>	Pensacola	20 Nov
<i>Robert S. Bernard</i>	Pensacola	20 Sept
<i>Sora</i>	Rangeon	21 Oct
<i>Leavitt (str)</i>	Paspebiac	17 Nov
<i>Union</i>	Pensacola	20 Nov
<i>Vega</i>	Oporto	—
<i>Frederic</i>	Oporto	2 Dec
<i>Ventura</i>	Cardiff	9 Dec
<i>White Cross (str)</i>	Cardiff	—

Arrivals of foreign steamers.

DATE	NAME	FROM	CONSIGNEE TO
Dec. 27	G. Rick Br.	Liverpool 21 ds.	Norton, Megaw & Co.
27	Matteo Bruzzo Ital.	Genoa 21 ds.	La Veloz.
27	Alacrida Ital.	d. 21 ds.	C. Cresta & Co.
27	Mogambique Port.	Santos 21 ds.	V. W. Guimarães & Co.
27	Magdalena Br.	Southampton 17 ds.	Royal Mail
27	Bela Br.	London 21 ds.	Norton, Megaw & Co.
27	Buffon Br.	New York 21 ds.	Royal Mail
27	Danube Br.	River Plate 2 ds.	La Veloz
27	Endeavour Br.	Cardiff 2 ds.	Norton, Megaw & Co.
27	Elona Br.	Hamburg 2 ds.	Ed. Johnston & Co.
27	Corrientes Gr.	Santos 18 ds.	do
27	Itaprica Gr.	Hamburg 22 ds.	Hermann Stoltz & Co.
27	Coblenz Gr.	Genoa 18 ds.	Ed. Johnston & Co.
27	Patagonia Gr.	Rosario 14 ds.	Quayle, Davidson & Co.
27	Città di Genova Ital.	Marselles 22 ds.	Karl Valais & Co.
Jan. 1	Atacama Prince Brit.	Bordeaux 16 ds.	Messageries Maritimes
1	Bearn Fr.	Liverpool 21 ds.	Wilson Sons & Co.
1	Portugal Fr.	Santos 1 d.	Chargers Réunis.
1	Coronado Br.	Santos 1 d.	Rio Flour Mills
1	Concordia Fr.	Santos 1 d.	do
1	Capivi Nor.	Santos 1 d.	do

Departures of foreign steamers.

DATE	NAME	FOR	CARGO
Dec. 27	Equitá Ital.	Genoa	Sundries.
27	Mogambique Port.	Lisbon	do
27	Taormina Gr.	Santos	do
27	various Gr.	River Plate	do
27	Matteo Bruzzo Ital.	do	do
27	Magdalena Br.	do	do
27	Danube Br.	Southampton	do
27	Alfred Menzies Gr.	Buenos Aires.	Sundries.
27	Alacrida Ital.	Santos	do
27	Warrick Br.	New York	Coffee
27	England Prince Br.	Report.	Sundries.
27	Labadino Br.	Santos.	do
Jan. 1	Città di Genova Ital.	do	do
1	Patagonia Gr.	do	do
1	Itaprica Gr.	Hamburg	Coffee
1	Coblenz Gr.	Bremen	do
1	Haruhya Gr.	New York	Coffee
1	Bearn Fr.	River Plate	Sundries.

* Calling at intermediate ports.

Foreign sailing vessels in the port of Rio de Janeiro.

January and, 1898.

NAME	TOWN	ARRIVED	FROM	CONSIGNEES
American				
lug Mabel Jordan	89	Dec.	11 Boston	B. Ferreira & Irmão
bk D. Pedro II	27	—	21 Baltimore	John Moore & Co.
lug White Wings	614	—	21 Baltimore	J. L. Bisset
lug R. F. Pettigrew	824	—	21 Portland	F. L. Ferraz
Austrian				
lug Emma	568	Dec.	21 Marseilles	A. Avenir & Co.
British				
sp Coringa	125	Oct.	21 Pensacola	F. L. Ferraz
bk Kirkdale	27	Nov.	26 London	To order
bk Osberg	1115	—	26 Quebec	To order
sp Melville Island	1125	—	26 Rangoon	John Moore & Co.
bk Wildwood	148	Dec.	1 Passagoula	Empreza Industrial
lug Daisy	154	—	11 Swansea	Wilson Sons & Co.
bk Clairmont	73	—	15 Rangoon	F. L. Ferraz
lug Baldwin	161	—	20 Saitia	Ferreira Schrinho & Co.
sp Four Winds	175	—	23 Leith	Gas Company
Dutch				
lug Acadie II	29	Dec.	4 Hamburg	To order.
French				
bk Pharo	615	Dec.	3 Marseilles	D. J. Silva & Co.
German				
bk Ruthin	115	Nov.	21 Antwerp	A. Avenir & Co.
sp Louise	174	Dec.	11 Rangoon	H. Stoltz & Co.
bk Mirella	102	—	12 Hamburg	H. Stoltz & Co.
bk Varun	48	—	4 Cardiff	Wilson Sons & Co.
bk Visurgis	108	—	6 Newport	Brazilian Coal Co.
lug Wilhelmine	47	Jan.	21 Liverpool	Hins & Co.
—	—	—	—	C. Hecksher & Co.
Italian				
bk Loreto	61	Dec.	6 Marseilles	A. Avenir & Co.
Norwegian				
bk Prince Regent	124	Nov.	26 Newport	Brazilian Coal Co.
bk Ferdin	57	—	26 Pensacola	F. P. Passos
sp Pastelena	150	Dec.	1 Pensacola	To order
bk Aweria	102	—	4 Cardiff	Wilson Sons & Co.
bk Varun	208	—	6 Newport	Brazilian Coal Co.
bk Jenny	54	—	22 Cardiff	Wilson Sons & Co.
bk Nor	172	—	5 Hamburg	H. Stoltz & Co.
Portuguese				
bk Teatadorn	34	July	20 Cape de Verde	I. A. G. Santos & Co.
sp Oceania	141	Aug.	13 Ilha do Sal	Macedo Junior & Co.
bk Constant	191	Nov.	5 Hull	Macedo Junior & Co.
Swedish				
bk Valesca	312	Dec.	21 Santos	Karl Valais & Co.
bk Zaima	31	—	27 Wisby	Empreza Industrial

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107,151,000	Bonds of 1893.....	—	—
12,745,000	Stock 2 1/2 (gold), converted.....	—	—
11,282,000	Gold Loan, 1888, 6%.....	—	—
21,327,000	Do do 1879, 4 1/2%.....	—	—
13,750,000	Do do 1882, 4 1/2%.....	—	—
17,520,000	State of Espírito Santo.....	—	—
10,670,000	„ of Minas Geraes, 5%.....	—	—
15,250,000	„ do do.....	—	—
4,000,000	„ of Rio de Janeiro, 6 1/2%.....	—	—
21,667,600	Emprestimo Municipal.....	—	—
Capital		Banks	
20,000,000\$	Commercial.....	200\$	3500— July 97
20,000,000	Commercial.....	200	8 000— July 97
24,000,000	Commercial.....	200	3 200— July 97
10,000,000	Commercial.....	200	2 000— Jan. 96
20,000,000	Commercial.....	200	6 000— July 97
10,000,000	Commercial.....	200	3 000— July 97
117,321,000	Commercial.....	200	3 000— July 97
20,000,000	Commercial.....	200	4 500— July 97
Capital		Railways	
2,000,000\$	Caravelas a Ayromes.....	100\$	—
110,000,000	Leopoldina.....	200	—
10,000,000	Muzambinho.....	100	—
62,000,000	Oeste de Minas.....	200	—
24,000,000	do 2nd series.....	75	—
70,000,000	S. Paulo-Rio Grande.....	200	—
42,000,000	União Sorocaba-Bauria.....	200	—
—	do 2nd series.....	200	—
—	Viçosa Ferreira Sapucahy.....	200	—
Capital		Tramways	
14,000,000\$	Jardim Botânico.....	200\$	— Oct. 97
14,000,000	S. Christovão.....	200	— July 97
Capital		Mills	
10,000,000\$	Atlianga.....	200\$	— Sept. 97
6,000,000	Brazil Industrial.....	200	— Aug. 97
3,000,000	Carioca.....	200	— Jan. 96
6,000,000	Confiança Industrial.....	200	— Aug. 96
500,000	D. Isabel.....	200	— Jan. 97
1,200,000	Industrial Mineira.....	200	— Feb. 96
1,500,000	Manufatura Fluminense.....	200	— Mar. 96
1,000,000	Petropolisana.....	200	— Mar. 96
3,000,000	S. Pedro de Alcantara.....	200	— July 96
200,000	Santa Luzia.....	200	— July 97

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